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SUBJECT: WFC-RESULTS OF WORKING PARTY SESSION, OCTOBER 1

BEGIN SUMMARY.MOVED BY DETERMINED SIERRA LEONE CHAIRMAN,
WORKING PARTY INSTRUCTED SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE THREE-POINT
REPORT REFLECTING ITS VIEWSON:

A. FORM FINAL WFC CONFERENCE REPORT AND PUBLIC
DECLARATION SHOULD TAKE;

B. FOLLOW-UP ARRANGEMENTS ON ASSUMPTION TEN POINT
PROPOSAL INCLUDED IN SYG'S SEPT. 30 STATEMENT REPRESENTS
WFC CONCLUSIONS.

C. PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE CONTENT OF WFC RESOLUTIONS
AND RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF TEN POINTS.
REPORT WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN PREPCOM PLENARY ON
OCTOBER 3. END SUMMARY.

1. PRECEDED BY G-77 AND GROUP B MEETINGS, WORKING PARTY
(WP) MET MORNING AND AFTERNOON OCTOBER 1 TO ARRIVE AT
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COMMON POSITION ON FOLLOW-UP ARRANGEMENTS, CONTENT OF

POSSIBLE CONCLUDING DECLARATION FROM WFC, AND OTHER MATTERS. IN PROCEDURAL DETOUR AT BEGINNING OF WP SESSION, IT WAS AGREED THAT SUBSTANTIVE SUMMARY, PREPARED BY PREPCOM RAPPORTEUR, OF REPORT OF PRELIMINARY WEEK-LONG MEETING OF INTERESTED DELEGATIONS WOULD BE NOTED BY PREPCOM AND INCORPORATED INTO ITS FINAL REPORT. NEXT, SECRETARIAT WAS REQUESTED TO DRAFT WP RECOMMENDATION TO PREPCOM THAT WFC CONCLUDING DOCUMENTS TAKE FORM OF USUAL REPORT OF CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING LESS IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS AND FULL TEXTS OF RESOLUTIONS, PLUS SEPARATE DOCUMENT FOR GENERAL PUBLIC THAT WOULD: A) REFER TO NATURE OF FOOD PROBLEM; B) DESCRIBE PRINCIPLES TO BE FOLLOWED IN ATTACKING IT, AND C) GIVE CONCEPTUAL SUMMARY OF MAIN RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY WFC. SOME LUNCH TALK OF DRAFTING BARBARA WARD TO DO FINAL TEXT.

2. WP CONCLUDED THAT WFC FOLLOW-UP COULD FOR PRESENT BE BASED UPON SYG'S TEN POINT PROGRAM (SUMMARIZED ROME 13446), AS SUBJECTS OF MAIN RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED BY WFC. THERE WAS AGAIN GENERAL SKEPTICISM ABOUT CREATION OF NEW INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING FUNDS. ALSO NO INTEREST IN DISCUSSING VARIOUS SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WHICH HAD BEEN TABLED. AGREED BEST NOW TO CONCENTRATE ON PRINCIPLES AND NEEDS TO BE MET. FOLLOWING UP ON GOOD STATEMENTS TO THESE POINTS BY EGYPTIANS AND PERUVIAN, US SUMMARIZED NEEDS AS OF THREE TYPES: OVERALL STRATEGIC FOLLOW-UP AND COORDINATION, PROBABLY BEYOND SCOPE OF WFC (AND TOO COMPLEX TO DEAL WITH IN TIME REMAINING)(SEE US PROPOSAL 8); TRANSFER OF RESOURCES INCLUDING POSSIBLE FUND, BETTER COORDINATION OF FLOWS AND COORDINATION OF FOOD AID; AND ODDS AND ENDS, OFTEN IMPORTANT, SUCH AS RESERVE AND FOOD SECURITY ISSUES, NUTRITION, RESEARCH, ETC. NO DISSENT REGISTERED AND BELIEVE WILL BE NO ATTEMPT IN WP TO GO BEYOND THIS. MOST DELEGATIONS CLEARLY AS UNINSTRUCTED AS WE ARE, IF NOT MORE SO, ON INSTITUTIONAL QUESTION.

3. MAIN ISSUE GROWING OUT OF TEN POINTS WAS SPARKED BY US OBSERVATIONS THAT GREAT DIFFICULTY WOULD BE ENCOUNTERED IN ESTABLISHING FOOD PRODUCTION, AND RELATED DEVELOPMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FUNDING TARGETS SPECIFIED IN POINT ONE BECAUSE OF WEATHER AND VARIABILITY IN NATIONAL INVESTMENT NEEDS. GENERALLY, DCS WANTED TO AVOID SETTING TARGETS, EXCEPT PERHAPS AT NATIONAL LEVEL, WHILE MOST LDCS SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THEM. US ALSO NOTED RESERVATION WITH RESPECT TO PRICE STABILIZATION UNDER POINT NINE. NEITHER EUROPEANS NOR OTHERS GAVE THIS MUCH ATTENTION THOUGH SEVERAL OF FORMER THOUGHT ACTION SHOULD BE IN MTN. US ALSO SUGGESTED

REFERENCE TO MEN NEEDED UNDER POINT 10. SECRETARIAT REQUESTED TO DRAFT DOCUMENT ON FOLLOW-UP FOR PREPCOM PLENARY CONSIDERATIONS, BASED ON 10 POINTS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT EARLIER PROPOSALS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY SECRETARIAT AND IN THIS PREPCOM SESSION.

4. IN CONSIDERING POSSIBLE CONTENT OF FINAL WFC DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION, WP CONCLUDED THAT SPECIFICS COULD ONLY COME FROM RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED BY WFC, BUT THAT SUPPLYING SOME GENERAL PRINCIPLES NOW WOULD BE HELPFUL. US PROPOSED THAT FOOD-POPULATION RELATIONSHIP BE REFERRED TO ALONG WITH SERIOUS SHORT-TERM FOOD OUTLOOK IN SOME AREAS. CANADA APPEALED FOR RECOGNIZING ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF GREATER FOOD PRODUCTION AND NEED TO AVOID SHORT-TERM GAINS AT EXPENSE OF LONG-TERM LOSSES. OTHER DELEGATIONS VOICED THEIR FAVORITE THEMES, E.G., FISHERIES, FERTILIZER, ETC. PERU MADE LAST-DITCH EFFORT TO GAIN SOME CONCRETE ACCEPTANCE OF ITS DRAFT DECLARATION ON ERADICATION OF HUNGER, STARTING WITH IMMEDIATE POINT-BY-POINT DISCUSSION, BUT THIS WAS EFFECTIVELY DISCOURAGED BY CHAIRMAN AND MOST DELEGATIONS. PERUVIAN DRAFT AS INDEPENDENT PROPOSAL DESTINED FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY WAS BURIED BY REFERENCE TO SECRETARIAT AS SOURCE OF IDEAS PREPARING DRAFT OF WFC DOCUMENT FOR PUBLIC. OF POSSIBLE FUTURE SIGNIFICANCE WAS ARGENTINA'S CALL FOR ADVOCATING NON-RECIPROCAL TRADE CONCESSIONS FOR LDC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN MTN. SECRETARIAT AGAIN ASKED TO PRODUCE DRAFT DECLARATION DOCUMENT FOR PREPCOM PLENARY INCORPORATING THESE AND OTHER QUOTE PRINCIPLES UNQUOTE.

5. PLENARY WILL CONCLUDE DEBATE ON SECRETARIAT'S SECTIONS THEN ADJOURN FOR GROUP AND FINAL WP MEETING. TEN
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SECRETARIAT RESOLUTION DRAFTS DUE OUT OCT. 2, BUT NO ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO AGREE TO TEXTS EITHER AT WP OR AT PREPCOM. PLENARY WILL CONSIDER OCT. 3 RESULTS OF WP AND THEN ADOPT IS REPORT FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4. END
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